

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**1-26. (Cancelled)**

27. **(Currently Amended)** A pharmaceutical composition consisting essentially of an association of granulocyte colony stimulating factor (GCSF) and placental growth factor (PIGF) as the active ingredient, in combination with suitable excipients and/or adjuvants, wherein said association composition is able to mobilize peripheral blood progenitor cells (PBPCs), thereby increasing the number of circulating white blood cells, circulating colony forming blood cells or of circulating long term colony initiating blood cells.
28. **(Previously Presented)** The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 27 containing recombinant hGCSF and recombinant hPIGF.
29. **(Previously Presented)** The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 27 formulated for parenteral administration.
30. **(Currently Amended)** A method for increasing the number of circulating white blood cells, circulating colony forming blood cells or of circulating long term colony initiating blood cells, consisting of comprising the sole step of administering either separately or simultaneously to a patient having undergone a procedure selected from the group consisting of: tumor chemo-radio therapy, autologous stem cells transplantation, allogeneic stem cells transplantation and myelosuppressive chemo-therapy in need of such a treatment an effective amount of both granulocyte colony stimulating factor (GCSF) and placental growth factor (PIGF) in combination with suitable excipients and/or adjuvants.
31. **(Cancelled)**
32. **(Currently Amended)** The method according to claim 30, wherein said granulocyte colony stimulating factor (GCSF) and placental growth factor (PIGF) are administered separately or simultaneously by a parenteral route.

33. **(Currently Amended)** The method according to claim 30 ~~comprising~~consisting ~~the sole~~  
~~step~~ ~~of~~ administering either simultaneously or separately from 10 to 150 µg/kg of said  
granulocyte colony stimulating factor (GCSF) and from 10 to 300 µg/kg of said placental  
growth factor (PIGF) in combination with suitable excipients and/or adjuvants.

34. **(Currently Amended)** The method according to claim 30 ~~comprising~~consisting ~~the~~ ~~of~~ ~~sole~~  
~~step~~ ~~of~~ administering simultaneously said granulocyte colony stimulating factor (GCSF)  
and said placental growth factor (PIGF) in combination with suitable excipients and/or  
adjuvants.

35. **(Currently Amended)** The method according to claim 34 ~~comprising~~consisting ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~sole~~  
~~step~~ ~~of~~ administering a pharmaceutical composition consisting essentially of: ~~an association~~  
~~of~~ granulocyte colony stimulating factor (GCSF) and placental growth factor (PIGF) as the  
active ingredients, in combination with suitable excipients and/or adjuvants.

36. **(Currently Amended)** The method according to claim 30, wherein said colony stimulating  
factor (GCSF) and placental growth factor (PIGF) are administered either sequentially or  
separately ~~at intervals~~daily.